

MEMBERSHIP

MONTANA BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

	Secondary Students	Secondary Advisors	Total Secondary Member- ship	Post Secondary Students	Post Secondary Advisors	Total Post Secondary Member- ship	TOTAL BPA MONTANA MEMBERSHIP
2012-2013	1580	104	1684	4	1	5	1689
2013-2014	1547	102	1649	7	2	8	1657
2014-2015	1566	108	1674	12	2	14	1688
2015-2016	1574	111	1685	21	3	24	1709

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER 10-12, 2015, Montana BPA brought back a Fall Leadership Conference to provide training for officers of local chapters. The State Officer Team provided the training on membership recruitment, leadership skills, scholarship and service opportunities and recognition programs through the BPA Cares and Torch Awards Program. 204 high school BPA members attended the conference this fall.

Provide leadership training for state officer team. Through our grant monies we are able to provide scholarship (\$500) for our six new state officers. They attend Leadership Academy and participate in Intern program at National Leadership Conference and BPA University.

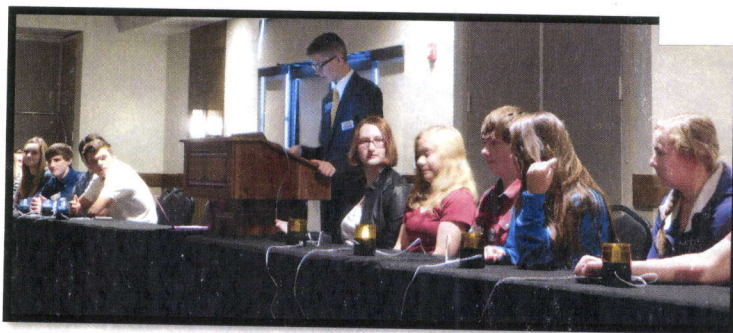
Provide state officer leadership training. Members of the Business Professionals State Officer Team attend the Montana Career and Technical Organization Leadership Camp each June.

State officers and local chapter members completed the Students Certification Series which consists of six 50 minute weekly leadership training webinars through the National BPA program. Thirty three Montana BPA members have received this certification in the last two years.

State officer team planned, organized and implemented the State Leadership Conference that is held every March in Billings. This year 1223 students and advisors from throughout Montana attended the conference.

State officer team provides ongoing outreach to State BPA members through buddy chapter letters, BPA quarterly newsletters, social media, middle BPA awareness days and buddy region visits to promote BPA.

Education & Local Government Interim Committee
April 6, 2016
Exhibit 13



BPA Students participating in Fall Leadership Conference, October 2, 2015, Fairmont MT

"BPA has provided me so many opportunities to develop and enhance my leadership skills. After serving as Communications Director and State President. I am now running for a National Business Professionals of America officer position."

Drew Mammel

MT State BPA Officer 2014-2016

Professional Development for Chapter Advisors

OCTOBER 10-12, 2015, Montana BPA brought back a Fall Leadership Conference to provide training for Chapter Advisors. The two day conference provided training on the BPA Cares Program, Quality Chapter Distinction Program, Torch Awards Program, Framework for Business Education in Montana, preparing students for competitive events, mentor/mentee program and pre-submission of events. Fifty-five high school BPA advisors attended the conference this fall.

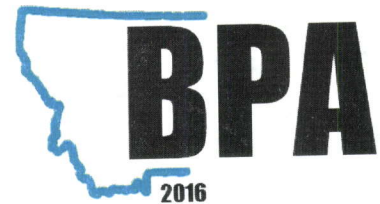
Coordinated with OPI CTE Business Education Specialist, Eric Swenson, and facilitated a training workshop for new and potential advisors during the New Career and Technical Education Workshops in October. This year BPA had 12 new advisors and 4 new chapters.

Provided summer workshops throughout the state of Montana designed specifically for Montana business education professionals to feature strategies and instructional tools.

Local chapter advisors completed the Local Advisor the Students Certification Series which consists of six 50 minute weekly leadership training webinars through the National BPA program. Montana has had 16 advisors complete the program in the past 2 years.

State director provides advisors with weekly updates on Business Professional of America through emails.

Provide a mentorship program for advisors with five or fewer years of experience. This is the first year of the program and we have 17 advisors taking part in the program.



Workforce Skill Development

Business Professionals of America students have the opportunity to attend Regional, State and National BPA Leadership Conferences and participate in the Workplace Skills Assessment Program (competitive events). The 74 Business Professionals of America competitive events provide students the opportunity to demonstrate workplace skills learned through business, office technology, finance and information technology curriculum.

BPA students are provided the opportunity to receive national certifications at the National Leadership Conference via the Certification Lab and within certain competitive events. Certifications include: Microsoft Office Specialist, Microsoft Technology Associate, Adobe Certified Associate and QuickBooks Certified User Premier/Pro. Montana BPA qualifiers are eligible for the Certiport Microsoft Office Specialist Worldwide Challenge.

BPA Montana promoted partnership with local chapters and Special Olympics Montana through our "Chain of Love" program. Montana BPA donated \$13,666.00 to Special Olympics this year.

Montana BPA provides support to local chapters to participate in service learning activities. We offered at Day of Service at State Leadership Conference this year. Activities included a members assisting in book drive, dress for success professional dress drive, Free Rice, Zoo MT work day, stop texting and driving campaign and pay it forward campaign.

State Director serves as a member of the Framework for Business Education in Montana curriculum committee to ensure alignment and inclusion of Business Professionals of America Workplace Skills Assessment Program within the Montana business education curriculum.

Montana BPA is continuously working to develop and expand with Montana's post-secondary institutions. We have post secondary chapters at MSU-Northern and FVCC, students from MSU-Billings, MSU-Bozeman and UM are members of our Montana Virtual Chapter. We have partnerships with MSU-Billings, City College, Helena College, University of Montana as host sites for region and state competitions. Montana BPA has scholarship opportunities with MSU-Bozeman and Johnson and Wales University.



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